

Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate¹ and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work² involving musculoskeletal disorders³ by selected natures of injury or illness, Delaware, 2000

Nature	Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total	1,820	7	60.5	4.9
02 Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	1,214	7	40.4	5.4
021 Sprains, strains, tears	1,214	7	40.4	5.4
09 Other traumatic injuries and disorders	495	6	16.5	6.9
097 Nonspecified injuries and disorders	495	6	16.5	6.9
0972 Back pain, hurt back	284	5	9.5	8.4
0973 Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	211	10	7.0	9.4
12 Nervous system and sense organs diseases	42	28	1.4	19.6
124 Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	42	28	1.4	19.6
1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	42	28	1.4	19.6
15 Digestive system diseases and disorders	59	20	2.0	16.7
153 Hernia	59	20	2.0	16.7
1530 Hernia, unspecified	10	7	0.3	38.9
1531 Inguinal hernia	37	14	1.2	20.8
1532 Hiatal hernia	11	59	0.4	38.3
1533 Ventral hernia	--	--	--	--
17 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	10	9	0.3	39.3
171 Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
173 Rheumatism, except the back	9	9	0.3	41.1
1733 Tendonitis	--	--	--	--
1734 Tenosynovitis	--	--	--	--
1735 Ganglion/cystic tumor	5	2	0.2	54.8

¹ Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as:

$(N / EH) \times 20,000,000$ where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,

EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,

20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

³ Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, July 15, 2003